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Re: PUC Project No. 52557, Interim Instructions for Expressing Interest in

Texas Energy Reliability Council Appointment

Mr. Gleeson:

I write to express my interest in the Texas Energy Reliability Council (TERC) appointments you will make in your capacity as Executive Director pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418, Subchapter J. I am applying for membership to represent transmission and distribution utilities, as defined by the Texas Utilities Code Section 31.002. I am employed by Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) and am able to perform the duties associated with membership on the Council.

As reflected in my resume, I have worked in the Texas electric regulated industry since 1994. I have been employed by Oncor and its predecessor TXU since December 1999. During that time, I represented retail, wholesale, and regulated transmission and distribution business units as permitted by the affiliate code of conduct rules. As a consequence, I am familiar with all sectors of the electric market in Texas.

I have participated in ERCOT rule development since the nodal market migration in the mid-2000s. Furthermore, I chaired two ERCOT task forces, one on distributed renewable generation and the other on methods to minimize congestion during transmission outages. I have participated in both the Gas-Electric Black Start Working Group and the Gas-Electric Working Group, including the drafting of earlier versions of the Gas Critical Load submission form. I worked cooperatively with PUC staff, RRC staff, and representatives of ERCOT transmission and distribution utilities, municipally-owned utilities, and electric cooperatives to revise and expand the applicability of the Gas Critical Load submission form revised in March 2021.

My familiarity with the natural gas industry also stems from work with ERCOT, other transmission providers, and retail customers and customer trade associations to improve infrastructure planning and development in the Permian Basin region of Texas. During these activities I met a number of gas industry representatives and better understood the complexities of the natural gas supply chain in Texas.

Finally, I have experience with short supply situations since February 2003 and continuing through the involuntary load shed events in 2006, 2011, and 2021. It is both my personal and professional desire to improve industry coordination through my TERC membership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

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### **Experience**

## Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, Austin, Texas

Vice President Regulatory Affairs, 2016-present

- Demonstrated history of working in the restructured electric utility industry, including issues of gas-electric coordination stemming from events in 2006, 2011, and 2021
- Experience in policy and rule development at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, ERCOT,
   TexasRE, NERC, and FERC

#### TXU and Oncor, Austin, Texas

Manager, Counsel, Director Regulatory Affairs, 1999-2015

- Represented retail, wholesale, and transmission and distribution utility interests of the TXU companies consistent with affiliate code of conduct obligations, 1999-2007
- Represented Oncor only beginning in 2008

## Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, Texas

Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Counsel, Attorney Legal Division 1994-1998

# Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, San Diego, California Associate, 1991-1993

#### **Education**

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas J.D. with honors, 1991

Rice University, Houston, Texas B.A. English, 1986

#### **Achievements**

- TexasRE Board Member and Chairman of the TexasRE Member Representatives Committee
- Frequent speaker at electric industry conferences and continuing legal education seminars
- Co-Chairman, Gulf Coast Power Association (GCPA) Fall 2008 Conference, Austin, Texas
- Licensed to practice law in California (1991) and Texas (1993)



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Mr. Gleeson:

As the Chief Operating Officer of Oncor, I endorse the appointment of Liz Jones to the Texas Energy Reliability Council (TERC) to represent transmission and distribution utilities. She has the full support of Oncor management to perform the duties associated with TERC membership.

I am familiar and pleased with the work Liz has done at the PUC, ERCOT, TexasRE, and NERC. She also provided significant subject matter expertise regarding short supply issues during the recent legislative session. Prior to the February 2021 event, Liz worked extensively with ERCOT, other transmission providers such as AEP, LCRA, and TNMP, and our customers over several years to better understand and serve the oil and gas development in the Permian Basin.

I believe Liz will represent fully the members of the sector and, as importantly, bring back the TERC information to the sector members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,